## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

all others similarly situated,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
v.	)	1:15-cv-01844-TWT
MONITRONICS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,	)	
Defendant.	) _ )	

# DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR TO STAY PROCEEDINGS <u>AND COMPEL ARBITRATION</u>

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) or, in the alternative, 12(b)(1), and the Federal Arbitration Act codified at 9 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.* ("FAA"), Defendant Monitronics International, Inc. ("Monitronics") hereby moves to dismiss Plaintiff's Class Action Complaint ("Complaint") in its entirety or, at the very least, to stay all proceedings in this lawsuit pending disposition of Plaintiff's claim in arbitration.

Although Monitronics believes this Motion is properly brought under Fed. R. 12(b)(6) as one seeking dismissal for Plaintiff's failure to state a claim, to the extent the Court deems the issue of dismissal in favor of arbitration as a challenge to the Court's subject matter jurisdiction, Monitronics alternatively moves to dismiss the Complaint pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1).

As grounds for this Motion, Monitronics states that Plaintiff's lone claim for a violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") arises from and relates to the Alarm Monitoring Agreement ("AMA")<sup>2</sup> between Plaintiff and Monitronics. As a result, the AMA's one-year contractual limitations period bars Plaintiff's claim, while the AMA's arbitration clause requires arbitration of any dispute between the parties. Thus, even assuming *arguendo* that the Complaint is not time-barred, Monitronics respectfully submits that it is entitled to an Order staying this litigation and compelling the parties to arbitrate, consistent with the AMA's arbitration clause, the broad and emphatic federal policy favoring arbitration of disputes, and the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16 ("FAA").

For these reasons, and as more fully explained in the memorandum of law filed contemporaneously herewith, Monitronics respectfully requests that this Court grant its Motion to Dismiss or to Stay Proceedings and Compel Arbitration.

Respectfully submitted, this 18th day of June 2015.

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The AMA is attached to Monitronics' accompanying and contemporaneously filed Memorandum of Law as Exhibit 1 to the Affidavit of David Verret (the Affidavit of David Verret is attached thereto as Exhibit A).

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### LR 7.1(D) FONT COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

The undersigned counsel for Defendant Monitronics International, Inc. hereby certifies that the within and foregoing document was prepared using Times New Roman 14-point font in accordance with Local Rule 5.1 of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

This 18th day of June 2015.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this day I electronically filed with the Clerk of Court this **DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR TO STAY PROCEEDINGS AND COMPEL ARBITRATION** using the CM/ECF system, which will forward

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